

CALFRESH (CF) PROGRAM

REQUEST FOR POLICY/REGULATION INTERPRETATION

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete items 1 - 10 on the form. Use a separate form for each policy interpretation request. If additional space is needed, please use the second page. Be sure to identify the additional discussion with the appropriate number and heading. Retain a copy of the CF 24 for your records.

- Questions from counties, including county Quality Control, must be submitted by the county CalFresh Coordinator and may be submitted directly to the CalFresh Policy analyst assigned responsibility for the county, with a copy directed to the appropriate CalFresh Policy unit manager.
- Questions from Administrative Law Judges may be submitted directly to the CalFresh Policy analyst assigned responsibility to the county where the hearing took place, with a copy of the form directed to the appropriate CalFresh Bureau unit manager.

1. RESPONSE NEEDED DUE TO: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy/Regulation Interpretation <input type="checkbox"/> QC <input type="checkbox"/> Fair Hearing <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	5. DATE OF REQUEST: Feb 15, 2013	NEED RESPONSE BY: March 1, 2013
2. REQUESTOR NAME: Suzanne Garcia	6. COUNTY/ORGANIZATION: Dept of Social Services	
3. PHONE NO.: 805-781-1895	7. SUBJECT: Cert period w/postponed verifs when issuing Expedited	
4. REGULATION CITE(S): ACL 12-74	8. REFERENCES: (Include ACL/ACIN, court cases, etc. in references) NOTE: All requests must have a regulation cite(s) and/or a reference(s). ACL 12-74, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 273.10 (f)(3)(iii), CFR Section 273.2 (i)(4)(A) and (B), and MPP 63-504.1	

9. QUESTION: (INCLUDE SCENARIO IF NEEDED FOR CLARITY):

Per ACL 12-74 the counties are being directed that when issuing Expedited Services to certify HH's for the maximum certification period allowable in accordance with the HH's circumstances. Does this mean we no longer have 1 or 2 month certification period? We would give a 6 month, 12 month, or 24 month certification based on the HH's circumstances even if verifications are postponed? The case would still discontinue after 1 or 2 months if the verifications have not been received even though given a 6,12, or 24 month certification period?

10. REQUESTOR'S PROPOSED ANSWER:

Yes, each HH is given the maximum certification period allowed for their given circumstances. (6,12, or 24 months) The case would discontinue and no further benefits would be issued past the first or second month if verifications are postponed and not received within 30 days of application.

11. STATE POLICY RESPONSE (CFPB USE ONLY):

Yes. Per ACL 12-74, CFR 273.10 (f)(3)(iii), and MPP 63-504.1, counties must assign the maximum certification period allowable for standard application and Expedited Service processes based on the predictability of the household's circumstances. One or 2 month certification periods have not been eliminated and may be assigned consistent with the household's circumstances when it appears likely the household will become ineligible for benefits in the near future. These instances may be rare.

Per ACL 12-74 and CFR 273.2 (i)(4)(A) and (B), under Expedited Service, verifications that are postponed must be completed within 30 days of the date of application. Benefits are issued for one or two months depending on whether the application was filed on or before the 15th day of the month or after the 15th day of the month. If verifications are not completed within 30 days of the date of application, the case will be discontinued, and the household will (cont'd on page 2)

FOR CDSS USE

DATE RECEIVED: February 19, 2013	DATE RESPONDED TO COUNTY/ALJ: March 5, 2013
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(cont'd from page 1) have to reapply or have their case restored. If reapplying or restoring, the household is not entitled to Expedited Service.